REFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2009-393 -W

The Office of Regulatory Staff, by filing this petition, would respectfully show and request of the Commission:

- 1. That the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("the Commission") is a state agency constituted pursuant to the laws of the State of South Carolina with its business offices located Columbia, South Carolina; that the Commission is responsible for the regulation of water utilities operating for compensation as set forth in S.C. Code Ann. §58-5-10 et seq. (Supp. 2008); and that the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") is charged with the duty to protect the public interest pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-4-10 (Supp. 2008).
- 2. That Georgia Water and Well Service, Inc. ("GWWS") located at 259 Wynburn Ave., Athens, Georgia 30601 was granted approval on April 9, 1993 under Docket No. 93-055-W in Order No. 93-335 to obtain ownership of the water systems owned by Water Systems, Inc., in Anderson and Oconee Counties, South Carolina. According to GWWS's 2007 Annual Report, the company provides water service to a total of 434 customers.
- 3. That in a review of Performance Bond Data on file the ORS discovered that GWWS did not have a current performance bond meeting the minimum requirements posted with the Commission.

 The ORS staff contacted GWWS via letter on July 15, 2009, and via certified letter on August 11, 2009.

4. That as of September 17, 2009, GWWS has not posted an adequate performance bond for

the operation of the water system serving Anderson and Oconee Counties in South Carolina. GWWS

has thus failed to comply with the requirements set forth in S.C. Code Ann. §58-5-720 (Supp. 2008) and

26 S.C. Code Regs.103-712.3 (Supp. 2008).

5. That the Commission has jurisdiction over GWWS pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-5-10

et seq. (Supp. 2008). Further, the Commission has the requirement before the granting of authority or

consent to the operation, maintenance, acquisition, expanding or improving of any water utility

regulated by it, that such utility file with the Commission a bond with sufficient surety payable to the

Commission.

WHEREFORE, ORS prays that the Commission:

1. Order GWWS to file, in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. §58-5-720 (Supp. 2008), a bond in

an amount as required under 26 S.C. Code Regs. 103-712.3.1 (Supp. 2008);

2. Order the Respondent to comply with Commission rules and regulations and maintain its

books and records for water operations in accordance with the NARUC *Uniform* System of Accounts for

water utilities as adopted by this Commission and as mandated by 26 S.C. Code Regs. 103-719 (Supp.

2008); and

3. For any additional action or relief which the Commission may deem necessary or proper.

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IN RE:)	
Petition of the Office of Regulatory Staff for a)	CERTIFICATE OF
Declaratory Order Against Georgia Water and)	SERVICE
Well Service, Inc. Requiring the Posting of a)	
Performance Bond)	

This is to certify that I, Chrystal L. Morgan, an employee with the Office of Regulatory Staff, have this date served one (1) copy of the **REVISED PETITION** in the above-referenced matter to the person(s) named below by causing said copy to be deposited in the United States Postal Service, first class postage prepaid and affixed thereto, and addressed as shown below:

Georgia Water and Well Service, Inc. 250 Wynburn Ave. Athens, Georgia 30601

Chrystal L. Morgan
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September 18, 2009 Columbia, South Carolina